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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/651,406	MONBERG ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Tony Mahmoudi	2165

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Samuel Rimell. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 13 December 2005.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 8, 12 and 25.

Identification of prior art discussed: Dunworth et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,474).

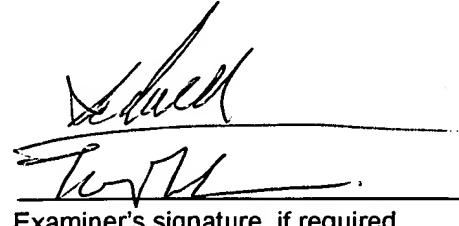
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.



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Tony Mahmoudi

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The attorney faxed a "proposed amendment" to the examiner for discussion during the interview. The examiner pointed out some typing errors in the newly amended claims 8 and 12 (the term "representing a region" was appeared twice) and pointed out a vagueness issue with the newly amended claim 25 (the last paragraph of the claim reciting "indicating that merchant provides service to the region but does not have a physical location in the region and that merchant does not provide service to other areas outside the region". The attorney expressed differences between the present application and the cited references (Dunworth et al, in particular) and the examiner pointed out the similarities between them. Examiner recommended that further amendments to be made to the independent claims to possibly highlight the application's novel features. The attorney will submit an official amendment, upon receipt of which the examiner will update his search and respond as appropriate.